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NORTH HAMPTON Community Newsletter

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Election News from the Town Clerk's Office

The **State Primary Election** will be held on **Tuesday, September 12, 2006**, and the voting will take place at the **Town Hall** between the hours of **8:00am and 7:00pm**. If you are an unregistered North Hampton resident, you may register and vote on election day. A photo ID and proof of your North Hampton residency is required. Proof of residency would be a utility bill in your name, a lease agreement, or rent receipts.

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Special Public Hearing on the Acquisition of Aquarion Water Company by the Australian Bank, Macquarie Utility, Inc., September 11 at 6pm at the Winnacunnet High School Gym. Do not miss the hearing on the future of our water Company!

Update from the Board of Selectmen

Water Company Issue: The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has granted Aquarion Water Company a rate increase of 17.51% for residential customers. Town water service rates will experience a slightly higher increase. PUC has also authorized Aquarion an additional step increase that will take effect a few months later and is expected to be just above 5%. This increase was designed to spread it out and thus avoid customer 'sticker shock' that Aquarion believes would follow a single 22+% increase. Aquarion justifies the increase as the costs of renovating the infrastructure in Hampton Beach and elsewhere.

Aquarion is asking the PUC to okay the sale of Aquarion to Macquarie Group of Australia, an investment bank. Our Water Commissioners have investigated and testified before the PUC about poor and lacking service and that the rate increase was unwarranted because North Hampton has not been getting the services for which it has been paying. Our Commissioners are concerned that the proposed sale will provide Macquarie with a good return on investment at the expense of improving our infrastructure and services.

We have received a petition signed by 500 residents requesting a special town meeting to consider the purchase of Aquarion of New Hampshire. Since State law requires that we honor that request, we've agreed to retain a lawyer to help the Commissioners examine what our options are. They are now in the process of fact-finding to see if it is financially feasible to pursue buying Aquarion's North Hampton water assets. The Commissioners are also investigating the condition of our water infrastructure and looking into the cost of hiring a professional management company to operate North Hampton's water operations.

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Board of Selectmen Update continued...

Before any such purchase is consummated, a two-thirds vote at a town meeting is required to authorize the BOS and Water Commissioners to investigate the matter and report to the Town. Then a second town meeting with a 60% vote would be required to authorize a bond before the acquisition could be made. If we purchase only North Hampton's water assets, the Town would have local control of rates, infrastructure improvements, and service to the Town. Revenue Bonds would be used to finance the purchase and the revenues from water rates would service the bond debt. Taxes would not be affected. The Town would have control of setting the residential water and hydrant rates and ensuring that proper services, maintenance, and improvements are provided. Again, we are in the fact-finding stage. Many towns in New Hampshire own and successfully operate their own water companies. If we find that it is not economically feasible to move forward to the next step, we will drop the issue and continue to demand that the water company give us the service we are paying for, and do what we can to protect our aquifers from being dried up.

Wireless Communications Lawsuits: The Town is facing increased legal fees because of lawsuits filed in Superior Court and in Federal Court. Both suits have been lodged against the Town in response to the denial of two applications for variances to construct cell towers, and because it is claimed that our current telecommunications ordinance denies cell companies their right to provide complete coverage in the eastern part of Town. The Federal Court suit, brought by Cingular, asks the court to mandate the installation of a 120-foot cell tower (disguised as a pine tree) at 22 Woodland Road. It also seeks payment of Cingular's court costs and attorney's fees. The Planning Board has approved an application by Town resident, Denis Kokernak to construct a distributed antenna system (DAS) which does not use conventional cell tower technology. The Federal court case claims that DAS is not a viable alternative and that the Planning Board is motivated by "hostility" to all wireless facilities other than DAS. We must now wait to see how the lawsuits play out and whether a DAS or conventional tower system will be constructed.

Conservation Land Issue: The BOS dropped its Alternative Antenna proposal that would have asked the voters to change the use of the 57 Woodland Road, 5.7 acre Town-owned parcel (which was acquired by swapping 5.7 acres of Town land with Mr. Denis Kokernak). Our intention was to propose the construction of an alternative antenna structure disguised as a flag pole or a forest ranger's observation platform. We believed that this proposal would finally bring adequate cell service to the eastern part of Town as well as avoiding the significant expense of two lawsuits. In our efforts to find a piece of Town owned land (mandated by our current ordinance), we discovered that the deed to 57 Woodland Road restricted only 20% of the parcel to conservation uses. While an earlier Town vote did restrict the entire parcel to conservation uses, we intended to ask the voters to reconsider that vote. But the reaction to our proposal was overwhelmingly negative so we dropped the proposal rather than risk the divisiveness that could have been produced by proposing such a warrant article. The entire matter is now in the hands of the courts.

We have recently received another petition sponsored by Denis Kokernak calling for a special town meeting to consider deeding a conservation easement for the entire parcel at 57 Woodland Road to a third party. As with the water company petition, we are legally bound to call this special town meeting. This means that unless the petitions are withdrawn or a court otherwise orders, we may have two special town meetings this fall in addition to the September primary and November general election.

Town Emergency Shelter Generator: Our police and fire departments have worked together to assist in planning for and purchasing the generator that was approved by the voters at the March town meeting. A Memorandum of Agreement between the North Hampton School Board and the BOS has been signed. It stipulates the location of the generator and provides that the Town is responsible for the installation and maintenance expenses. The generator should be in place and functional before summer's end.

Kudos to the Fire and Police Department: We would like you to join us in thanking our Fire, Police, and Highway Departments for their exemplary performances during the May flooding.

Channel 22, Community Television: We need dedicated committee member volunteers to get the Bulletin Board up and running. This project has been funded and needs to be jump-started. Please call 964-8087 if you would like to be involved in this important and valuable project.

-Board of Selectmen: Emily Creighton, Chair; Don Gould and Henry Marsh

Friends of the Library

THE MISSION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH HAMPTON LIBRARY IS TO: maintain an association of persons interested in enhancing the resources of the Library, improving its facilities, and thus enriching the cultural opportunities available to the citizens of North Hampton. (Friends of the North Hampton Library Constitution)

The Friends of the North Hampton Public Library are continuing to fulfill this mission. This summer we held the Annual George Miller Clambake on Saturday, August 5th. With the help of the Miller Clan, we served 91 lobster and steak dinners! The weather was made to order—sunny, breezy, low humidity—a perfect reprieve from the dismal, rainy days that have lately plagued our seacoast

As many of you know, for the past five years the Friends have worked with the family of the late George Miller to put on a traditional New England Clambake, with all monies raised used to enhance our Town Library. George's sons, Glenn and Steve, and his daughter, Wendy Hume, do most of the work at this event, along with the indispensable help of their spouses, children, and George's wife, Betsey. We sincerely appreciate their valuable support.

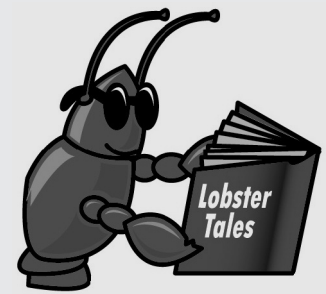
We also wish to thank Bill Creighton, Alan Brandt, Larry Miller, Betty Coyne for her delicious coleslaw, our brownie bakers: Jill Brandt, Susan Tidd, Hope Miller, Betsey Miller, Marsha Gagnon, and Dottie Dalrymple, as well as Shaw's, and Shop 'N Save, Rollins Furniture, The North Hampton Fire Department, the United Church of Christ, Stratham Fuels, Shel-Al Campground, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of the Seacoast, and last but not least Martha Dana and her wonderful family of Puppets. Their donations helped us to increase our profits, advertise, and entertain the young and old. We value and appreciate their commitment to our community library.

This year the Friends' **Clambake Fundraiser** goal was to raise money to be put towards the purchase of an LCD projection system for the Library. This equipment will enable the Library to project images, for example PowerPoint presentations, from a computer as well as project from other audiovisual equipment. We will also be looking into the cost of a required speaker system. If you were unable to attend the clambake and would still like to contribute, the Friends continue to accept any donations to their cause. Just send it to The North Hampton Library c/o the Friends.

In other business, the Friends will continue to formulate their goals based on those goals of the Library Director and Library Trustees, always keeping in mind their mission of enhancing and improving our Library services and programs. We have recently been discussing ways in which our funds can be designated, including the possibility of setting aside a portion of it for Library expansion.

The Friends meet on the third Monday of almost every month at 3:30. We invite you to join us, for we would certainly welcome your assistance. Reminder: There are always museum passes available at the Library for your use. These passes have been graciously donated by individuals, organizations, as well as purchased by The Friends. They include Fuller Gardens; Seacoast Science Center; Museum of fine Arts, Boston; Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth; and The Children's Museum, Portsmouth. Tickets may be signed out at the reference desk. ENJOY!

~Judy Day, Hope Miller, & Suzette Miller, Co- Chairs



Friends Membership Drive

The Friends sincerely wish to thank the many members of our community who responded to our 2006 membership drive. Your contributions are most appreciated and will be used to enhance and support our wonderful Library.

We would also like to encourage anyone who meant to send in a membership form this year, but hasn't yet, to still do so. A membership form is available on the Friends page of the Library website: www.nhplib.org, under "News and Events," or you can pick one up in the Library at any time. THANK YOU!!

~Judy Day, Hope Miller, & Suzette Mille, Co- Chairs



Notecards by Betsey Miller

North Hampton Note Cards For Sale

The Friends of the North Hampton Library are excited to announce that we have begun producing a series of note cards with the help of local artists **Doris Rice and Betsey Miller**. The note cards depict scenes of the Library and our beautiful seacoast. They have already been used by the Friends as thank you notes and for short correspondence, and are now available for purchase at the Library. We are privileged to have these gifted artists, whose work is well known, create these note cards for the Friends, and we offer our heartfelt thanks to them. Please see our display near the main desk in the Library. Cards may be purchased at the desk. Money collected will go entirely to the Friends for the enhancement of the Library. Come and view these works of art when you are in the Library.

-Judy Day, Hope Miller, & Suzette Miller, Co-Chairs

WHS has a Reason to Celebrate

A reason to celebrate! We are in the final phase of our construction project. As I write this, the modulars have been completely removed and the landscaping of the grounds and the final paving is taking place.

Principal Zito has been invited to work with the members of a local garden club who are interested in beautifying the entry roads. This is very exciting and he is looking forward to working on this joint project.

The Hampton Police Department has awarded WHS an \$88K security grant through the Federal government. We will be installing several security cameras in the near future to protect our investment.

Stay tuned for more updates, as we welcome back our students on August 30, 2006.

-Brenda Quackenbush, WHS School Board

North Hampton Historical Society

This summer, the Historical Society has been arranging programs for the coming season. Our September 18th program, entitled "**1790 Simon Leavitt Barn Becomes New Library for Gilmanton, NH,**" will be a slide show presented by Steven Bedard. It will be of special interest to us because it is about the fate of a local barn.

The October 16th program is entitled "**Black Yankees: New Hampshire 1645 to the Present,**" and will be presented by Valerie Cummingham. Both programs will be held at the United Church of Christ in North Hampton, at 7:30pm, and are open to the public.

We would like to remind members that September is the month in which to pay your annual dues. A single membership is \$10.00; a family membership is \$15.00.

-Janet Taylor, President

Back to School News: North Hampton School

We have some wonderful additions to our staff this year as well as some staff changes. **Mark McFarlin** was originally a kindergarten teacher at North Hampton School and has returned after a brief hiatus to teach first grade. **Lindsay Lewis** will be a second-grade teacher, job-sharing with **Nicole Outsen**. Lindsay was an educational associate on the third-grade team last year. **Jennifer Oliveira** will be a fourth-grade teacher, job-sharing with **Karen Haas**. She was teaching at the Newbury Elementary School and we are happy to have her as a new member of our staff. **Melissa Brown** was a math intern in the eighth grade last year and will teach sixth-grade math this year. **Brenda Tharp** has moved from the sixth-grade team to teach science as a member of the seventh-grade team. **Stephanie Estes** is our new integration specialist and joins us from South Portland High School. We are excited to have all of these talented teachers join the North Hampton Community!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming North Hampton School events: The sixth-grade students will head to Camp Merrowvista from Monday, September 11th to Friday, September 15th. The Grade 8 **Yard Sale** will take place on Saturday, September 23rd. For more information on the school and these events, go to the school's website at www.northhamptonschool.org.

-Tara K. Rossi, Assistant Principal, NHS



News from the Children's Room at the Library

Treasure Reading at Your Library: Our Summer Reading Program was a big success with more than 150 children from preschool through grade 7 participating. The programs were a hit and featured puppets, night animals, magic, and music. A special thank you to the Mabel Healy Tillinghast fund for making it possible to provide so many wonderful programs this summer. Special thanks also to: Learning Express of North Hampton, Terri's Hallmark, Kim Bougie, Barbara Macquarrie, Anne Ambrogi, Susan Roch, the Johnston Family, the Klidas Family, Kathy Grant, the St. Jean Family, and to the Library Staff.



Chase, Henry and Sophie

Children who completed their reading charts and maps (as of August 7th) are:

Zachary Waye, Ben Wilson, Megan Wilson, Eric Roch, Olivia St. Jean, Will Luff, Peter Luff, Caroline Luff, Hannah Thomas, Kearney Dewing, Summer Yeley, Taylor Yeley, Griffin Chenard, Ethan Chenard, Caroline Meuse, Julia Meuse, Haley Saal, Cassidy Saal, Troy Klidas, Jake Klidas, Zachary Klidas, Maddy Knapp, Megan Knapp, Lauren Smith, Luke Bednarek, Skylar Bednarek, Mary Beth Farrell, Sam Thomas, Tricia Brown, Katelyn Brown, Olivia Johnston, Isabel Johnston, Andrew Holden, Zach Hamdi, Aton Scott, Maggie Farrell, Kristen Conklin, Sean McMillan, Madilyn McMillan, Courtney Degen, Brennan Degen, Madison Moitoso, Michael Bouzianis, Finn Caron, Sklar Caron.

Fairy Houses with Tracy Kane: program to be held "rain or shine." The weather did not co-operate with us in June for the fairy houses event, but Tracy Kane, author of the award-winning "Fairy Houses" series of books will join us on **Wednesday, September 13th** from 4-5:30pm. In the event of rain, we will build fairy houses on cardboard platforms indoors. Boys, girls, and grown ups are invited to attend this event. Please bring a supply of all-natural items (bark, twigs, small rocks, sea shells, flowers, etc.) to use to build your fairy house. The program is free but registration is required and will be limited to 40. Call or stop by the Library to sign up.

Surf's Up at the Library! More than 30 teens registered and read during the "Surf's UP @ the Library "Teen Read 2006." Hundreds of pages of books were read and we stuffed our goldfish bowl full of ocean-blue colored raffle tickets. A special thank you to the Friends of the North Hampton Public Library for funding the gift certificate prizes. Congratulations to all who read and won during "Surf's UP @ the Library!"

Upcoming Library Programs: Lap-Sit Story Time - birth to age 2+. Join us for songs, music, rhymes, short stories. The program is about 20 minutes long and is great fun! Tuesday mornings at 10:30am, beginning **September 19th**. Registration is required.

Story Time for ages 2 - 5: Pre School Story Time will meet on **Wednesday and Friday** mornings this fall starting **Wednesday, September 20th**, and going through Friday, December 15th. Please stop by or call the Library to register for either session of Story Time.

Book Bunch: After-School Story Hour for kids in grades K - 5 will meet one Thursday a month from 3:45-4:30. Join the "Book Bunch" for snacks, stories, crafts, activities for some after-school fun. Registration is required and the group size will be limited to 18. Meeting dates are Thursday, **September 28th** 3:45-4:30, and Thursday, **October 26th** 3:45-4:30.

Saturday Stories: A Saturday program for kids and families. Meets one Saturday each month at 11:00am. "Saturday Stories" are held during the fall and winter months. October - date and time TBA.

For more information on any of these programs please call the library at 964-6326 or visit the Library web-site at www.nhplib.org.

-Lorreen Keating, Youth Services Librarian

North Hampton Girl Scouts

Rain, thunder, and cooler temperatures couldn't keep North Hampton moms and daughters from their annual sleepover at Camp Chenoa in Antrim, NH. Donned in raingear, a hearty bunch of young anglers ventured out with their poles and squirmy Canadian night crawlers to catch dinner. (Luckily, a rotisserie was already being lit for some turkey and roast beef as backup). Alas, the girls did not catch any 'keepers' this time around. Thankfully, they also did not catch each other's skin, hat, or clothes. *North Hampton Girl Scouts continued on page 10*

Wireless Communications Facilities and Long-Range Planning

In November 2005 the North Hampton Planning Board approved a proposal for solving the problem of limited wireless reception in some areas of Town. The **Distributed Antenna System (DAS)** will eliminate gaps in cell phone service on the east side of Town. Thera Research, a firm founded by local resident Denis Kokernak, submitted the application.

The approved DAS, in contrast to cell towers (disguised or undisguised), is consistent with the Town's Vision, as stated in the Master Plan, to preserve the rural character and heritage of North Hampton, as well as to provide a good solution for delivery of cell phone service east of Mill Road. DAS uses a network of whip antennas or small canister antennas installed on top of existing utility poles. They are essentially invisible. DAS antennas or nodes can be placed on additional utility poles anywhere in Town to extend coverage wherever it is needed now or in the future. DAS antennas or nodes are connected by fiber optic cable that is strung on existing utility poles and that connects to remotely located base station equipment. DAS base station equipment connecting the DAS to the land-based phone network will be located in an existing building in the Industrial-Business/Residential District. DAS equipment thus will be essentially invisible, in contrast to similar equipment for towers that is located on each tower site. DAS can support as many as six individual wireless communication service providers and also accommodate their different technological and geographical coverage requirements. As additional service providers want to fill gaps in coverage or provide additional services, they can collocate on the DAS without more towers or taller towers with more antenna arrays.

The Planning Board approved the use of the Distributed Antenna System to ensure that reliable and seamless cell phone service is available in a manner that is consistent with the Master Plan and that residents prefer, rather than with towers that, even when disguised as pine trees or observation towers, diminish neighboring property values and detract from rural characteristics of surrounding areas.

Some wireless communications service providers assert that DAS is "non-viable." However, the DAS approach is currently in use on Nantucket Island, in South Brookline, Massachusetts, and in several other communities in the United States. A DAS is currently being developed in nearby North Andover, Massachusetts.

Wireless communications providers also argue that North Hampton is effectively prohibiting them from offering service in Town by requiring collocation on the DAS, and have chosen to file suits against the Town in state and federal courts. The Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, on which these lawsuits are based, requires that towns permit wireless communications service providers to establish infrastructure necessary to fill gaps in service coverage; it does not require towns to permit those service providers to fill coverage gaps in whatever manner they prefer or in a manner that is inconsistent with reasonable desires of a town's residents.

In our case, therefore, the Planning Board has chosen to preserve the rural character and heritage of our town, as expressed in the Vision and Master Plan.

In other news the Long-Range Planning Committee continues to plan for the future of the Town's municipal complex. Laurel Pohl's work on the Committee, chaired by Shep Kroner, offers for the first time a process that will permit the Town's department heads to include recommendations for capital improvements in their routine submissions during the annual budgeting process.

Furthermore, the Long-Range Planning Committee proposes, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, to complete a comprehensive needs assessment for municipal facilities. The needs assessment is necessary to update the Town's Community Facilities and Services chapter of the Master Plan and to ensure that any proposals for expanding or renovating the Town's municipal complex are fiscally prudent and adequate to ensure that municipal services meet residents' needs for the next 10-20 years.

-Phil Wilson, Planning Board Chair

Mystery Photo Answer:

This issue's mystery is a bit of a tease: come to the September 18th Historical Society program at 7:30pm at the United Church of Christ vestry to learn the answer. Hint: it used to be in North Hampton, and is connected with an old North Hampton family. (*photo courtesy of Priscilla Leavitt*)

No More Late Fees!

North Hampton Public Library is no longer charging fines for overdue books. Instead, we are accepting donations in lieu of mandatory fines. When books are returned, library users have the opportunity to put a buck or two in the "**Conscience Jar**" as redemption for books returned late. Reaction to this change in policy has been very positive. "Library users in general support the Library and will contribute whether they have late books or not," says Director Pam Schwotzer. "Fine money subsidizes the book budget, among other things. The purpose of the Conscience Jar is to create an atmosphere that is not punitive, that will encourage patrons to return their books regardless of how late they might be, and for them to continue to use the Library without any stigma attached to late fees. We want to create a more user-friendly Library; generally, most people return their materials in a timely manner." Late notices will still be mailed out as a reminder, but no fees will be charged.

-Susan Tidd, Circulation Librarian

Book Discussion Group Meetings

Fall is a great time to start something new, so why not try out the Library's book discussion group. We meet the second Thursday of each month, at 2pm, right here at the Library, and everyone is welcome to attend. Pick up your copy of the current month's book at the main desk and join us for coffee and discussion.

Our September title is a nonfiction book, *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick. This surprise bestseller of a few years ago is the true story of the whaleship *Essex*, which was the factual basis for the classic *Moby Dick*.

-Pam Schwotzer, Director

Trustees of the Library

As we begin a new fiscal year, we would like to thank the residents of North Hampton for voting to establish a capital reserve fund for our Library. We have set up a special reserve account for our matching funds and, as of August 3, 2006, we have deposited \$50,000. These funds will go toward building and expanding the Library.

The Trustees, Library Director, Staff, and Friends are now discussing and writing our long-range planning goals, and Director Schwotzer is developing a Power Point presentation that will be shown to various Town groups.

We would like to thank those persons and foundations that have generously contributed toward supporting our Library: the **Veale Family**, which requested that any donations in memory of their late husband and father, Ed Veale, be given to the expansion fund of the Library; the **Carroll Family**, which provided the Library with year-long special plantings for our flower barrel in honor of Mom Bette; the Fuller Foundation; the Hobbs Fund; and the Mabel Healy Tillinghast Fund for their annual gifts.

By the time that you read this article, the annual Friends of the Library George Miller Clambake will have taken place; it is the major and highest-earning fundraising event for the Library. The name of the event derives from the late George Miller, an active and civic-minded Town member of many years, whose many family members do most of the work, while the proceeds, minus the cost of the food, go to support the Friends.

Thank you to everyone who is a Friend, and a special thank you to the 2006 Board members: **Judy Day, Suzette Miller, Hope Miller, Dottie Dalrymple, Jane Palmer, Lee Kierstead, Betty Coyne, and Barbara Dewing**. Their forward-thinking ideas encouraged the Library Staff to look into whether or not the Library could "go wireless"; after it was learned that it could, the Friends then paid the costs to have it done.

Along with Library Director Pam Schwotzer and Staff, we thank you, and will continue to work at providing the highest service and programming that we can.

*- Trustees of the Library: Steve Miller, Chair;
Emily Creighton; and Dale Rochford*

NHS: Extreme Makeover

There were no television cameras or people yelling, "Move that bus!" at North Hampton School on June 22nd. However, there were more than 100 enthusiastic painters consisting of City Year members, NHS administration and staff, parents, and students lining every hallway with brushes in hand. In one day, the cafeteria and hallway walls were freshly coated with bright, vibrant colors. Students will see a new and improved NHS on the first day of school. An enormous thank you to PAL for helping to organize this day and to all the wonderful City Year volunteers and NHS families that so generously donated their time and effort!

-Tara K. Rossi, Assistant Principal, NHS

Thanks! for Your Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to the generous donations from library users, the July Food Drive here at the Library contributed 281 non-perishable food and personal care items to 2 local food pantries in Hampton and Exeter. Children remembered to bring canned goods during their weekly visits to the Summer Reading Program, and adult patrons brought bagfuls of items too.

Here at the North Hampton Public Library, we are pleased to continue this tradition of food donations in our 6th year. Thanks for your efforts at making this year's drive another successful one!

-Jill Brandt, ILL

Recreation Department News

Thank you to our generous sponsors who contributed to our Scholarship Fund. With their assistance, we were able to send 17 North Hampton kids to a summer Rec. program. Full-time or part-time, the smiles and memories will always be with them.

Thanks to Ocean Property LTD; the Rockingham County Incentive Fund; David Hartnett; Rte. One Self-Storage; Chuck Gordon; Bentley By The Sea Real Estate; Citizens Bank Li Yuen Beusing; M'Lords Hairstyling; DB Warlick & Co.; North Hampton Drywall; Mi Ae Hwang Bragg; Luck Enterprises, Inc.; Simmons & Sons; Lamprey Brothers, Inc.; Tony LeClerc Insurance Co.; North Hampton Youth Association; The Mystery Dinner Theatre Company; George Hosker and Martha Lemire; Teamster Local 633; Home Depot and Blue Canoe (for the daily bags of ice for the sno-kones); and Water Country.

Surf Camp with Cinnamon Rainbows was a blast! First-time surfers could be seen between 9th and 10th streets at North Beach, riding the waves like pros! Other successful camps were DB's Baseball and Softball Camp, Coates Hoop Camp for Kidz, Seacoast United Soccer Camp, Lego league Camp, Kids Tennis, Pee Wees, and Women's smart tennis camps.

Newly created Little Nippers Preschool Summer Rec was probably one of our most successful camps. New this summer was the addition of full-time Rec camp, along with part-time Rec. It was a great opportunity for working parents to drop off their kids everyday. The campers found themselves in various places, such as eating a hotdog at Fenway; swiftly rafting down the Kennebec; or enjoying popcorn and a movie—3D style at the IMAX Theatre. Thanks to the Summer Rec Staff and leader Liz Schambach for their endless energy and ideas.

Because of the fickle weather, the Coed softball players played make-up games on Friday nights at NHS.

For more information and to view the Fall brochure, please go to the Town website at www.northhampton-nh.gov or call Diane at 964-3170.

-Diane Wheeler, Recreation Director

Displays at the Library

Have you seen the latest displays at the Library? This month **Ruth Griffin** has brought in a collection of thimbles and other antique sewing accessories, and next month the Historical Society will display some of their artifacts for all to enjoy. Our display case is right next to the main desk, so be sure to stop and look next time you're in the Library.

We have been so pleased with the many fascinating collections we've hosted in recent years, and we're always interested in hearing from any other collectors in the community. If you have a collection you'd be willing to share with us for a month, please call us at 964-6326 to set something up, or stop by the Library and talk to us!

-Pam Schwotzer, Director

Cooperation and Teamwork Made it Possible

The Townspeople received a remarkable response from the Fire, Police, Highway, and Town Administration during the Spring Storms of 2006. Although it appeared seamless to the many residents who requested and received assistance, it actually was a well-engineered plan that was the culmination of years of planning and preparation.

From May 12 – 14, we received more than one hundred requests for storm-related problems. Although the response may not have been as prompt as some people thought it should be, the calls were reviewed and prioritized according to life-safety and hazard potential.

On the evening of May 12, when the crisis became apparent, the Selectmen were notified and the Emergency Operations Center was opened and remained open for five days in order to make additional aid from the State and FEMA available to the Town. Representatives of the Board and three major departments met to evaluate the conditions, to discuss the forecast, and to review resources. We then decided to write a letter to be delivered from door to door, while we checked the well-being of the residents living in the effected areas.

Because of the severe weather conditions and forecast, the Highway Department was put on standby, the Police Department added patrol staff, and the Fire & Rescue staff was divided into two platoons of rotating twelve-hour shifts, giving them adequate staff to respond to any requests for assistance and for replacements as workers became fatigued. The emergency workers were suffering the same conditions at their homes as were the Town residents. Equipment requests came from each of the departments, ranging from the need for inter-agency assistance to requests for pumps and sand bags.

As the waters continued to rise, requests for pumping flooded basements and shutting off electricity increased. The Police Department re-routed traffic from flood areas, and the Highway Department worked to restore and open closed roads. Governor Lynch declared a State of Emergency, making State resources and the National Guard available to local communities. He also informed the President about the situation and his intention to request Federal Disaster Aid. Outside aid was provided by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, the Bureau of Emergency Management, and the American Red Cross.

The President declared Rockingham and Hillsboro Counties disaster areas, making them available for Federal Aid. FEMA set-up offices for receiving and processing requests from the residential and commercial communities. This information was made available to the public through mass media and Town information outlets.

As residents and businesses continue to put their lives back together, we realize that residents can take steps to avoid a recurrence of these problems by controlling water flow on and around their property, making sure that equipment is in serviceable condition, and creating clearances beneath and around appliances in the basement before a storm.

We will be meeting soon to review the response to the event and what needs improving. The Highway Department has initiated mitigation projects, such as replacing culverts in flood-prone areas with larger units, and shoulder drainage improvements. The Town of North Hampton's Basic Emergency Plan is under review and will be updated this autumn.

A significant addition to the Town's ability to respond to natural disasters will be the installation of emergency power at the North Hampton School, which will enable us to shelter and care for large numbers of people in a single location during an extended weather event. This action will benefit both responders and residents.

I thank the people of North Hampton for their understanding and support as we strived to meet your requests and needs during this event, and we certainly do appreciate the gratitude shown to the responders in the cards and letters of thanks we have received.

If anyone has any thoughts or ideas that may improve our method or ability to respond during these types of events, please forward them to me at tlambert@northhampton-nh.gov.

- Thomas Lambert, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director



Zoning Board of Adjustment

The ZBA has now finished deliberation on both cell tower applications, has issued Notices of Decision denying both applications, and deliberated on and denied all Motions for Rehearing. Motions have been filed by the applicants in court, appealing the ZBA decision; the outcome of these matters will now be decided in that context.

I wish to thank all who participated in the process of these applications. I also thank the Board members, all of whom serve sacrificially and professionally on the ZBA.

All other regular business continues to be considered during our regular monthly meetings, which are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month in the Mary Hebert room, starting at 6:00 PM.

~John Anthony Simmons, Chairman

PAL News

"Extreme Makeover: School Edition" gathered more than 50 community volunteers and 40 City Year New Hampshire Corps Members this past June 22—hardworking folks who gave their time and muscle to clean and paint the common areas of our fine school. This is truly a great gift to the community since the school building is really our community center, serving the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school board, school council, town meetings, elections, and the recreation programs. Thank you to all. And thanks to Diane Wheeler for providing babysitters so that more parents could volunteer. It was an outstanding team effort. Do stop by to see the inspiring transformation.

PAL's annual 'Back to School' picnic was held August 24, with Co-Chairs Jen Quirk and Heather Maher feverishly working to make it another great night. The next PAL event is the Breakfast that takes place in the NHS cafe the 1st week of September; everyone is invited. The topics of fundraising, special events, and volunteer opportunities will be discussed during this annual meeting.

Speaking of opportunities and fundraising, did you know that the Learning Express is giving a portion of your purchases to fund enrichment programs at NHS? A whopping 10% of your total receipt! Just tell the clerk that you support NHS and they will print a second receipt that is filed for NHS. Plus, you still get your free gift wrapping and credit towards your V.I.P. frequent purchase card. What a great way to support enrichment programming!

Upcoming PAL Events: Harvest Fest - end of October; Candidates Night - November Election Day support; PAL Fundraising: Learning Express 10% of receipt donation to enrichment; Original Artworks - your child's art makes great gifts for the holidays; Innisbrook Wrap - wrap up your child's art and get some treats for yourself; Boxtops - keep on clipping and saving and sending in to school; Hannaford - look for annual box to collect receipts at checkout; PAL meetings are the third Friday of each month at 10:00 and meet in the Technology Room. We hope to see you there.

~Margaret Allen, Co-Chair

North Hampton Girl Scouts continued...

As the weather cleared, the girls jumped into the clear lake water to swim, kayak, and canoe. To take a break from the outdoors, woodworking (beginner and advanced classes), crafts, and puzzles were available. At night, NHGS' own version of 'Deal or No Deal' had everyone in hysterics as the girls generally passed on taking the money—even when their Moms were encouraging them to "Deal!"

The Mother/Daughter Sleepover is just one of the many activities that get a girl off the sofa to try something new, challenging herself and making herself think. Throughout the year, co-troop leaders support the girls as they pick different programs or community service projects. These activities vary widely from studying jet propulsion, raising money for the NHSPCA, horseback riding, and learning the culinary aspects of a new culture, to name a few. Scouting is a great way to learn leadership skills, broaden areas of interest, become a better community citizen, and make new friends.

Do you know a girl that would love Scouting? The **Girl Scout Open House** will be Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 at NHS. Come on in and see what Scouting is about. We still need some co-leaders for troops. To volunteer or to ask questions, please call Bobbi Hayden at 964-6081.

~Margaret Allen, Public Relations

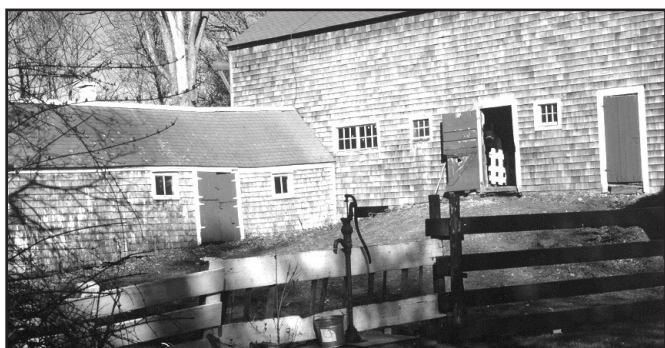
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS	MEETING	DATE	TIME	WHERE
	Board of Selectmen	2nd /4th Mondays	7:00pm	Herbert Room
	Recreation Commission	1st Monday	6:00pm	Town Office
	Planning Board	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Town Office
	Zoning Board	4th Tuesday	6:00pm	Herbert Room
	Historical Society	3rd Monday 3/06-5/06 & 9/06-11/06	7:30pm	United Church of Christ
	Woman's Club	1st Wednesday	1:00PM	UCC Church, October-May
	Friends of the Library	3rd Wednesday	3:30pm	NH Public Library
	PAL	3rd Friday	10:00am	NHS Technology Room
	N. Hampton School Board	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	NHS Library
	WHS School Board	4th Wednesday	7:00pm	WHS
	Centennial Hall	1st Monday	7:00pm	Centennial Hall
	Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Herbert Room
	Book Discussion Group	2nd Thursday	2:00pm	NHPL
	N. Hampton School Council	2nd Wednesday	3:15-4:30pm	NHS
	N. Hampton Youth Association	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	NHPL
	Heritage Commission	3rd Thursday	9:30am	Heritage Room, Town Office
	North Hampton Forever	3rd Thursday	7:30am	Herbert Room

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Mystery Photo:

What and where is this 1790 building?

Homebound? Let Us Help!

North Hampton Public Library offers delivery service of library books and other materials to homebound residents. We have volunteer drivers who will take books to you and pick them up for returning when you're done with them. Call us at 964-6326 and we'll be glad to sign you up for this service.

~Pam Schwotzer, Library Director

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Summer Youth Intern at the North Hampton Library



Stephanie Roch is a senior at Winnacunnet High School in the fall. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team, Tennis Team and Interact. Her hobbies and interests include sports, reading, volunteer work, and the outdoors.

Stephanie helped with children's programs and

a variety of other library services from the circulation desk to book processing. She was very popular with the children and a most welcome addition to our library staff this past summer.

~Lorreen Keating, Youth Services Librarian

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